

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An intercoupling component for receiving an array of contacts within a digital or analog transmission system having an electrical ground circuit and a chassis ground circuit, the intercoupling component comprising:

a segment formed of electrically insulative material and having an upper and lower surface, the segment including a plurality of holes disposed on its upper surface and arranged in a predetermined footprint corresponding to the array of a contacts; and

a shield member formed of electrically conductive material and at least partially disposed within the segment and configured to electrically connect to the chassis ground circuit.

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